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GOODNOW, et al.

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BACTERIA IN BLOOD, BLOOD
PRODUCTS, AND FLUIDS OF
TISSUES

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, Applicants submit this response and amendment. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Hines and Examiner Smith for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the interview dated November 25, 2002.

Please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 23 and 25 and cancel claim 24.

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23. (Amended) The method of any of claims 1, 7, 14, and 17, wherein the set of binding agents that selectively bind Gram-positive bacterial antigens is selected from the group